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SUBJECT:TRADE COMPLAINT OF PUERTO RICAN MARITIME SHIPPING
AUTHORITY (PRMSA)

REF: STATE 115022

1. FOLLOWING TELEX SENT BY COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO
TO IRANIAN PORTS AND SHIPPING ORGANIZATION, ON BEHALF OF
PRMSA:

QUOTE:

ATTN: MR. ZARABI
DEPUTY DIRECTOR
PORTS AND SHIPPING ORGANIZATION
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VERY URGENT

DEAR MR. ZARABI:

I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOUR ATTENTION ON THE FOLLOWING
MATTER. CARGO CONSISTING OF 230 EMPTY TRAILERS BELONGING

TO THE PUERTO RICO MARITIME SHIPPING AUTHORITY (A GOVERN-

MENT INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA) IS TO BE LOADED ON BOARD THE S.S. ATLANTIC BEAR, A VESSEL OF PACIFIC FAR EAST LINES, ON OR ABOUT JUNE 20, 1977 AT BANDAR SHAHPOUR. IF ALL TRAILERS CANNOT BE LOADED ON THIS VESSEL BECAUSE OF SPACE LIMITATIONS, THE BALANCE IS TO BE LOADED ON THE NEXT SUBSEQUENT VESSEL OF PACIFIC FAR EAST LINES. THESE EMPTY TRAILERS, WHICH ARRIVED IN IRAN CARRYING VALUABLE CARGO LIN AID OF THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF YOUR COUNTRY, MUST BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

WITHIN THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT OF IRAN, AND IN CONSIDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL COMITY, WE REQUEST THAT YOU PERMIT THESE EMPTY TRAILERS TO BE LOADED ABOARD SHIP FOR RETURN TO THE U.S., AND THAT YOU PRESENT US WITH YOUR INVOICE FOR PAYMENT OF PORT STORAGE CHARGES IF ANY. WE UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT PURSUANT TO THE REQUEST OF OUR UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN, THE HONORABLE BALTASAR CORRADA, TO HIS EXCELLENCY PRIME MINISTER AMIR ABBAS HOVEYDA, AND IN VIEW OF THE EVENTS WHICH HAVE CREATED THIS UNFORTUNATE SITUATION, YOU WILL BE IN A POSITION TO OBTAIN FROM YOUR SUPREME BOARD EITHER A CANCELLATION OF PORT STORAGE CHARGES OR AN ASSESSMENT OF REASONABLE STORAGE FEES,
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WITHOUT PENALTIES INVOLVED. IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT BECAUSE OF OUR TRUST IN YOUR FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO PAY YOUR INVOICE WITH OR WITHOUT DISCOUNT, WITHOUT ANY ARGUMENT WHATSOEVER.

MR. CHAHINE AGHAYAN, OUR ATTORNEY IN TEHRAN (TELEPHONE 851-707/08, 843-011, 851-090) IS FULLY AUTHORIZED TO SPEAK AND NEGOTIATE ON OUR BEHALF AND EVENTUALLY TO PAY ON OUR BEHALF ANY PORT CHARGES PURSUANT TO YOUR FINAL DECISION. MR. AGHAYAN IS FULLY FAMILIAR WITH THE BACKGROUND OF OUR GOVERNMENT'S ATTEMPTS TO REPATRIATE THESE TRAILERS AND HE CAN PROVIDE FULL DETAILS, AS YOU MAY REQUIRE.

WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION. WARM REGARDS TO YOURSELF AND MR. SAFFARI.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

REINALDO PANIAGUA,
SECRETARY OF STATE,
COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO,

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD,
PUERTO RICO MARITIME SHIPPING AUTHORITY.

CC: HIS EXCELLENCY PRIME MINISTER AMIR ABBAS HOVEYDA

THE HONORABLE BALTASAR CORRADA, MEMBER OF CONGRESS,
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MR. ROGER CHARLES BREWIN III,
COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY OF UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
TEHRAN, IRAN

MR. RICHARD K. BANK, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MARITIME AFFAIRS,
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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MR. JOHN ALIOTO, PRESIDENT,
PACIFIC FAR EAST LINES, INC.

MR. CHAHINE AGHAYAN

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2. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO RENDER ANY NECESSARY ASSISTANCE,
AND MAY WISH TO POINT OUT TO IRANIAN AUTHORITIES THAT
PRMSA IS AN INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO
RICO. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT 99 TRAILERS HAVE BEEN
RETURNED TO PRMSA. PRMSA HOPES TO LOAD THE REMAINING 130
TRAILERS ON THE GULF BEAR, A PFEL VESSEL, DEPARTING
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